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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN, US

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: ANTI-U.S. ALLEGATIONS

(S/S NO.751 4010)

REF: NEW DELHI 9106

FOR SECRETARY FROM SISCO

1. I CONCUR IN NEA'S DRAFT TELEGRAM (BELOW) APPROVING THE STRONG DEMARCHE ABOUT ANTI-U.S. ALLEGATIONS WHICH SAXBE PROPOSED IN HIS NEW DELHI 9106 (REPEATED BY SEPTTEL) AND TO WHICH YOU HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE.

2. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE TEXT BELOW.

3. BEGIN TEXT: WE CONCUR FULLY IN YOUR PROPOSAL TO
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WEIGH IN WITH THE GOI ON RECENT STATEMENTS BY INDIAN

OFFICIALS AND STORIES IN THE INDIAN PRESS ALLEGING U.S. INTERFERENCE IN INDIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR SHOULD PRESENT OUR VIEWS TO CHAVAN OR OTHER APPROPRIATE HIGH-RANKING MEA OFFICIAL ORALLY AS WELL AS IN WRITTEN FORM.

IN THE EMBASSY'S PRESENTATION, WE PREFER THAT YOU AVOID SUGGESTING THAT CENSORSHIP BE EVENHANDED NOW THAT IT HAS BEEN IMPOSED. SUCH A COMMENT MIGHT, INCORRECTLY, BE READ BY THE INDIANS AS PARTIAL ACQUIESCENCE BY THE U.S. IN THEIR MUZZLING OF THE PRESS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE INDIANS WILL DRAW THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS ON THE BASIS OF YOUR PRESENTATION WITHOUT ANY DIRECT REFERENCE TO CENSORSHIP.

WHILE TAKING NOTE OF POSITIVE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON INDO-U.S. RELATIONS, YOU SHOULD SEEK, AS SUGGESTED, CLARIFICATION OF HER JULY 4 REMARKS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE COUNTRIES CRITICIZING INDIA FOR CURBING DEMOCRACY WERE VYING FOR CHINESE FAVOR AND HAD SUPPORTED YAYHA KHAN'S REPRESSION OF THE BANGALEES IN 1971.

AS GOI MUST BE AWARE, USG HAS BEEN VERY CIRCUMSPECT IN ANSWERING PRESS QUERIES HERE REGARDING INDIAN DEVELOPMENTS. WE WOULD EXPECT GOI TO DEMONSTRATE SIMILAR REGARD FOR U.S. SENSITIVITIES, AND ESPECIALLY IN INSTANCES IN WHICH TOTALLY UNFOUNDED AND UNWARRANTED ALLEGATIONS BY SENIOR GOI POLITICAL LEADERS ARE INVOLVED. AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO REITERATE WITH GOI, POINT HE MADE WITH CHAVAN ON MAY 16 THAT INDIAN LEADERS CANNOT INDULGE IN IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNTRUE ALLEGATIONS AND CRITICISMS OF THE U.S. WITHOUT HAVING DAMAGING IMPACT ON OUR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS ON AN EVEN KEEL. END TEXT.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

4. FOR NEW DELHI: YOU SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY THE SECRETARY. INGERSOLL

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